

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, 30th August 1950.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

Mr. Speaker (Sri V. Venkatappa) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

(to which oral answers were given).

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri V. Venkatappa).—Questions. Question No. 51.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Tumkur District—General).—The Honourable Chief Minister is not present.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Honourable Minister for Finance will answer.

Grant of Titles and Public Service Medals in Mysore.

*Q.—51. Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Tumkur District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any correspondence is being carried on between them and the Government of India on the grant of titles and public service medals by either the Government of Mysore or by the *Rajpramukh* His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore;

(b) if so, whether they will place the correspondence on the table of the House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries) [on behalf of Sri K. Chengalaraya Reddy (Chief Minister).]—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Why are the Government unwilling to place the correspondence before the House?

*Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is not considered desirable that the correspondence should be placed on the table, at any rate when the matters are still under correspondence.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Does the Honourable Minister admit that desirability or undesirability is not a matter on which refusal could be given under the rules to place the matter before the House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—When the Government consider that it is not desirable to place a matter on the table when it is still under negotiation and correspondence, I think they are perfectly in their rights to do so.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—May I ask the Honourable Minister to refer to any rule which says that if the Government feel it undesirable they can refuse to place the correspondence on the table of the House?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—My Honourable friend must show what rule enables him to compel the Government to disclose certain matters which are still under correspondence.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is a request for information. Therefore the Honourable Minister will kindly note that he is bound to place before the House all correspondence called for by any member of the House.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—This is a matter in which ruling can be given. It cannot be pressed further when the Honourable Minister says that the correspondence cannot be disclosed. Can the Honourable Member continue to press for an answer?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That has been answered.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The Honourable Minister is bound to place all those records on the table of the

House. That is why I wanted to appeal to the Chair to come to my help.

Rajamantrapravina H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA (Hassan District—General).—There is one important aspect in this. This is a request for information and generally information is furnished unless it is of such a public importance.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—In public interest.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—If it is of such public interest that it cannot be disclosed, information must be such as to warrant that statement. Simply because the Honourable Minister chooses to say that he cannot furnish the information, that is no proper answer. The Honourable Member has every right to request the Chair to come to his rescue.

Sri D. H. CHANDRASEKHARAIYA (Chitaldrug District—General).—When was the rule to refuse any information detrimental to public interest introduced? Under the existing rules there is no such provision.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair cannot compel any Honourable Minister to give an answer. Whatever answer is given Honourable Members have to take it and say that the answer given is not satisfactory. But the Chair cannot compel any Minister to give a certain answer.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—All that I can say is that it is an accepted fact that when a matter is still under correspondence it cannot be disclosed, at any rate, at that stage.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Is it a fact that the Government sought permission of the Government of India to confer titles?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The answer is already given.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The answer is for both titles and public service medals.

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The answer is given. When the correspondence cannot be placed before the House, much less can the contents of the correspondence be placed at this stage.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—With all due deference to the Honourable

Minister I beg to submit to the Chair.
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Mr. SPEAKER.—Is the Honourable Member not satisfied with the answer?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Not that I am satisfied; the House cannot be satisfied. It is most arbitrary because I submit to the Chair that the Honourable Minister is bound to give information whenever called for. He does not want to admit or deny whether they have asked for permission to confer titles. Will the Honourable Minister admit that the Constitution prohibits conferment of titles?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Therefore they have determined to go against the Constitution, is it?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is a hypothetical question.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is not a hypothetical question because the Honourable Minister knows what has been written. He may say "we have not asked for permission".

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The answer is already given that nothing of the correspondence can be disclosed at this stage.

Sri G. VEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—May I know whether the Government of Mysore have decided that the Rajpramukh should be allowed to confer titles?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Government have not decided any such thing.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Are the Government aware that such a thing is opposed to the provisions of the Constitution?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is answered.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—Was this correspondence entered into after the Constitution came into force?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether the Government are of the opinion that the conferment of titles should continue?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is answered already.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA (Kolar—Muslim).—Have the Government given any opinion about it?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It has been answered already.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—Have the Government formulated any proposals and sent them to the Government of India?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No proposals have been formulated.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—Have the Government asked the Government of India to confer that privilege on His Highness the Maharaja?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That question has been answered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು (ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಬಿರುದುಗಳು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಅದು ಯಾವ ತರಹದ್ದು, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಕ್ಲಾಸಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There are certain things of academic nature like music, etc., where there is some room for doubt.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಮಿಲಿಟರಿ ಯಲ್ಲಿರುವಂಥವರಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯ, ಧೈರ್ಯಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಬಿರುದುಕೊಡಬಹುದೆಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯಾಂಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹೌದು, ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಅದರಿಂದ ಈಗ ನೀವು ಹೇಳುವ ಬಿರುದುಗಳು ಅದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಭಿನ್ನವಾದದ್ದೋ ಅಥವಾ ಅದೇ ಅಂತರೋ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈಗ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸುಸಮಯವಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಈ ಪತ್ರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯೇನಿತ್ತು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಕೆಲವು ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶದಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ತೋರಿತು. ತಾವೇ ಹಿಂದೆ ನೋಟಿಸಿದುದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೆಲವು ಅಂಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪಮಟ್ಟಿನ ವಿವರಣೆ ಕೇಳುವುದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕವೆಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿರಾಯಿತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಇದರಿಂದ ಪ್ರೇರದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಯಿದೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಕೊಂಡೇನಾದರೂ ಮಾಡಿದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದ ವಿಚಾರ.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Mandya District—General).—What was the necessity of initiating that correspondence?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Certain clarifications were required.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What was the doubt on which clarification was required?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already indicated it in an answer to the question of Sri Rangaramiah. He has referred to some of them.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—To a question of Sri Rangaramiah the answer was that titles are given for musicians and like that. Are titles awarded for technical professions?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Music is also technical. Titles may be awarded to musicians. Whether the prohibition in the Constitution is applicable for such titles also is a matter which requires some clarification.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Is title conferred on an individual for his technical profession?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Of course; for instance the scientists, academicians; it is just possible that titles may be given to them. That is not quite clear in the Constitution and that is a matter which is engaging the attention of even the Centre.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Is it the intention of Government to confer titles upon black-marketeers?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I do not choose to answer such a question as that.

Janab MOHAMED HANEEF (Bangalore—Muslim).—At any rate there is no consideration to confer titles on some one or other. Is the question engaging the attention of the Government?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already indicated that it needed a little bit of clarification.

Janab MOHAMED HANEEF.—Cannot they put an end to this conferring of titles?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Constitution says that there should not be any conferment of titles. At the same time they have got certain other classifications.

Janab MOHAMED HANEEF.—Is there no complaint in the matter?

Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member has to carry his complaint to some other quarters.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question.